

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# The City Of Augusta

## *Proclamation*

### *IN RECOGNITION OF “ARBOR DAY”*

*WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees and that this distinguished day, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and*

*WHEREAS, trees add beauty, provide cleaner air and oxygen to breath, conserve water, improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, moderate the temperature, and provide habitat for wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, Ira Davis has dedicated many years of service and commitment to the city and the Urban Forest to help enhance the quality of life in the “Garden City”.*

*NOW, THEREFORE I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 20, 2004, as “ARBOR DAY” in Augusta with the planting of a Flowering Dogwood in honor of Ira Davis, a distinguished citizen of Augusta, dedicated to beautifying our area for the enjoyment of its citizens.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 20th day of February 2004.*

*Bob Young, Mayor*